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# News Release

## Don't Throw away your money this Summer



**W**arm temperatures are around the corner and so is the potential to throw away inefficient equipment and potentially costly home cooling problems could equal wasted expenses.

"Proper care of cooling equipment can keep your unit running efficiently, which saves money and helps avoid costly expenses.

"Now is the time to make sure your cooling system will keep you cool without wasting your money."

Consumers play a vital role in making sure their cooling systems operate at peak performance to maximize home comfort and money savings. It's important to realize that operating a dirty unit can cause unnecessary loss of

efficiency, which means lower energy bills and improved total comfort," Richard said.

Now is a great time to have your air conditioning unit serviced in order to maintain maximum efficiency. According to Jeff Richard, the most important aspect of having your unit serviced is to clean the condenser coil. Dirt, cottonwood fibers, pollen, dog hair and other items can get trapped underneath the hail guard cover, causing the compressor to overheat and lock up. The only way to get this all cleaned out is by having a professional pull off the top and spray it from inside out. Leaving all those debris/dirt to build up on the condenser is no different than 'driving around with cardboard in front of your radiator in the Summer', he said.

Richard listed a few of the items Northern Colorado Air NATE certified technicians check when they come out:

- Closing off the humidifier damper for the spring. Some units may have a built-in humidifier damper which has been open for the winter to help with humidity in the home.
- Oil bearings — While some of the newer units (anything up to about seven years old) have bearings that are sealed, older ones require oil and lube.
- Voltage connections — Bugs and spiders like to hang out near the voltage connectors and cloud up the connection switch that allows electricity to flow correctly.
- Amps — Check the start amps for the compressor to make sure the load of the system is running correctly. If a homeowner sees excessive dimming when the unit kicks on, it might be a compressor issue.

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A qualified service technician should handle major maintenance tasks, but homeowners can take a few simple steps to ensure their systems are running properly. "One of the most effective steps consumers can take to help ensure they'll get the efficiency they paid for is to contact an experienced, reputable air-conditioning contractor to check their system's refrigerant charge and operating safety controls," Richard said.

Consumers should also

- o Trim brush and shrubbery near outdoor units to prevent airflow obstruction
- o Remove grass clippings, leaves and other debris from outdoor coil
- o Replace indoor unit's filter monthly and clean the blower
- o Reduce clutter in attic to maintain proper ventilation and reduce the system's cooling load

## THE ADVANTAGES OF MAINTENANING YOUR EQUIPMENT

- **Lower utility costs** — because NCA makes sure the equipment is running as efficiently as possible.
- **Eliminate potential problems** — before they cause major trouble and become very costly.
- **Extension of equipment life** — maintaining equipment limits wear and tear, extending its life span.
- Homeowners will also gain **peace of mind** knowing that their equipment is working properly and safely.

For more about how to avoid throwing away your money this summer, call Northern Colorado Air, Inc. at (970) 223-8873. Northern Colorado Air, Inc. has been providing service in the Front Range and Longmont/Boulder area for 17 years.

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